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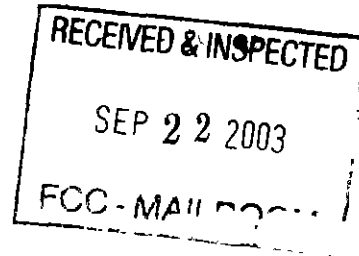
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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

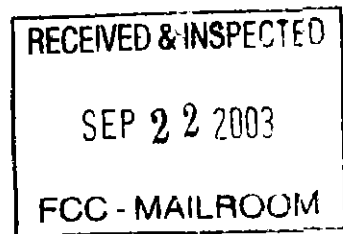
Dear Secretary Salas:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, I hereby certify that the following carriers will use federal universal service support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and/or services for which the support is intended in accordance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended:

Arapahoe Telephone Company dba ATC Communications
Arlington Telephone Company
Benkelman Telephone Co., Inc.
Blair Telephone Company
Cambridge Telephone Co.
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, aka Frontier
Clarks Telecommunications Company
Consolidated Telco, Inc.
Consolidated Telecom, Inc.
Consolidated Telephone Company
Cozad Telephone Company
Curtis Telephone Company, Inc.
Dalton Telephone Company
Diller Telephone Company
Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company
Elsie Communications, Inc.
Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative
Great Plains Communications, Inc.
Hamilton Telephone Company
Hartington Telecommunications, Co., Inc.
Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.
Hemingford Co-operative Telephone Company
Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company
Hershey Cooperative Telephone

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Hooper Telephone Company dba WesTel Systems
K&M Telephone Company, Inc
Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company
NebCom, Inc
Nebraska Central Telephone Company
Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications, Inc
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
Pierce Telephone Company, Inc
Pinpoint Communications
Plainview Telephone Company, Inc
Rock County Telephone Company
Sodtown Telephone Company
Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company
Stanton Telecom, Inc
Three River Telco
United Telephone Co. of the West dba Sprint Corporation
Vivian Telephone Company
Wauneta Telephone Company

Attached please find a copy of the Order entered September 9, 2003, by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to this effect

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Pursley, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund, (402) 471-0264

Sincerely,

Anne C. Boyle
Chair

Attachment

cc Ms. Irene Flannery, Administrator
Universal Service Administrative Company, High Cost Division
2120 "L" Street, NW Suite #600, Washington, DC 20037

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) APPLICATION NO. NUSF-25
Public Service Commission, on its)
own motion, seeking to establish)
guidelines for the purpose of) Progression Order #8
certifying the use of federal)
universal service support.)
Entered: September 9, 2003

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BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has established self-certification as its process for verifying whether all federal high-cost support will be used for its intended purpose, pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 and CC Docket No. 96-45. See Application No. NUSF-25, Progression Order #1 (August 21, 2001). Progression Order #5 in this docket required each rural incumbent local exchange carrier and/or eligible telecommunications carrier to file a notarized copy of an affidavit certifying whether federal high-cost support is being used consistent with section 254(e) on or before September 1 of each year.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

2. The Commission finds that the following carriers filed properly completed affidavits:

Arapahoe Telephone Company dba ATC Communications
Arlington Telephone Company
Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc.
Blair Telephone Company
Cambridge Telephone Company
Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, Inc.,
aka Frontier
Clarks Telecommunications Company
Consolidated Telco, Inc.
Consolidated Telecom, Inc.
Consolidated Telephone Company
Cozad Telephone Company
Curtis Telephone Company, Inc.
Dalton Telephone Company, Inc.
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3. Accordingly, the Commission will provide certification to the Administrator of the federal high-cost universal service support mechanisms and the Federal Communications Commission that the above-listed carriers will use federal high-cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and/or service for which the support is intended in accordance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the affidavits filed by the above-referenced carriers are accepted.

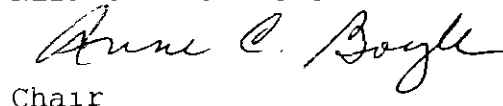
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 9th day of September, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Anne C. Boyle
//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chair

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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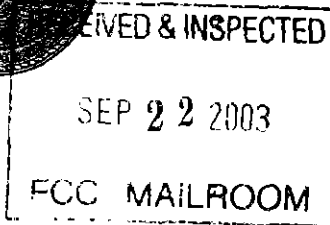
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September 10, 2003

Dear Interested Parties:

CERTIFICATION

I, Andy S. Pollock, Executive Director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed is a true and correct copy of the original order made and entered in Application No. NUSF-25, Progression Order No. 8, on the 9th day of September, 2003, as the same is filed and recorded in the official records of said Commission.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of September, 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy S. Pollock".

Andy S. Pollock
Executive Director

AP:jbz

Enclosure